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VANCOUVER'S BUDGET

Liard River Worth Twenty-Five Dollars a Day in Gold—Strike on Hootalinqua.

Fruit Handling at Victoria Subject of Complaint—An Ideal Drill Hall.

Armament of Empresses Included in Warlike Precautions—The Scotsmen Volunteer.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 1.—B. Kennedy, Vancouver, and two boatmen, who rowed J. H. Gillespie, of Vancouver, up the Pelly river, in Cassiar district, have died from the hardships of the trail.

Work is to be resumed in the boiler works and machine shops of the B. C. Iron Works.

Captain Edwards and Mr. Richards, of the steamer Manawatu, are still formulating their plans to run a line of three steamers between Vancouver and San Francisco. Several meetings of the citizens will be held at which the matter of aid will be discussed.

Dr. Livingstone, an Australian, is responsible for the following fresh story of Yukon official ways: Tenders were called for a fraction on the Bonanza. A reserve of \$10,000 was put on the claim, but no one except government officials appeared to know of this. Several outsiders in ignorance of the reserve bid under it, and a government official, whose name is mentioned by Livingstone, put in an application for \$10,050 and secured the property.

Nothing but praise is heard of the Haglemann's band and acrobats. The opera house was not filled but this was owing to two amateur performances immediately before their arrival which drew packed houses. The band was a long way ahead of the best ever heard here and those who heard it last night were very enthusiastic in their praise.

FORTUNES ON LIARD RIVER.

D. W. Fontaine, of Minneapolis, shows seventeen ounces of coarse gold as partial proof that he has made a big strike on an unexplored creek on the Hootalinqua, on the all-Canadian route. A party of men were met by Fontaine who had been on the head waters of the Liard river. There were six of them and they had made \$25 a day each all through the season. The Liard can be reached from Vancouver in two months by going down Frances river, the only practicable route. Another strike has been made 100 miles from Tugh Lake. There will, it is expected, be a big rush to these points next season.

FRUIT HANDLING.

Fruit merchants here have complained to the United States consular agent of the way fruit is handled between San Francisco and this port. Official recognition, it is understood, will be taken of complaints. They claim fruit is handled at Victoria three times before it reaches Vancouver, that it is handled as roughly as cordwood, is placed in improper, badly ventilated storage on shipboard, and is damaged by decay and rapidly decaying. Further evidence is to be taken.

IDEAL DRILL HALL.

The local militia have been asked from Ottawa if they will be satisfied with a drill hall similar to that at Victoria. The commanding officer has answered "Yes," with the addition of a basement for rifle practice and boxing alley.

THE RUMORS OF WAR.

It is stated semi-officially that orders have been received for the C. P. R. steamships, the Empresses of India, China and Japan, to be held in readiness for conversion into war cruisers. Hongkong has been advised to have armament in readiness to place on naval reserve steamships if necessary.

COMMISSION ADJOURNED.

Session at Washington Put off to the Tenth to Suit Canadian Convenience.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Sir Julian Pauncefote, accompanied by Lord Herschell and Sir Richard Cartwright, of the Canadian commission, called at the state department to-day, and were met by General John W. Foster, Mr. Kasson and Secretary Anderson, of the American commission. With the approval of the absent members on both sides, the commission adjourned, to meet on November 10.

It appears that some of the Canadian commissioners would be detained at Ottawa, awaiting the arrival of the new Governor-General.

PLEBISCITE FIGURED UP.

Prohibition Had Fourteen Thousand Majority in Poll of Half a Million.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—The secretary of state to-day received from the clerk of the crown in chancery the full returns of the prohibition vote. The total vote cast was 543,042, out of a list of 1,233,549 voters. The division was: For prohibition 278,463; Against prohibition 264,579.

Majority for 13,884.

By provinces the majorities stood as follows: Majority for Ontario, 30,224; Nova Scotia, 29,216; New Brunswick, 17,335; Prince Edward Island, 5,315; Manitoba, 9,042; Northwest Territories, 2,414; British Columbia, 983; total, 107,899. Majority against: Quebec, 94,015.

In Ontario only 22 per cent. of the voters list supported prohibition; in Quebec only 8 per cent.; in Nova Scotia 54 per cent.; in New Brunswick, 29 per cent.; in Prince Edward Island, 37 1/2 per cent.; in Manitoba 25 per cent.; in British Columbia 16 per cent.; and in the Northwest Territories 27 per cent.

APPLES, APPLES.—Only a few boxes of those King apples left; few boxes Russets to arrive. Sylvester Feed Co. Ltd. City Market.

THE NAVAL TRAIN WRECK.

Military Honors for Two Lads Killed—The Injured Men Doing Well.

Winnipeg, Nov. 1.—(Special)—The wreckage of the two victims of yesterday's wreck on the C. P. R. near Portage did not take place here to-day as expected, a port mortem examination having been asked for by the C. P. R. This was made this afternoon by Coroner Benson and the funeral will take place here to-morrow afternoon. The procession will be composed of the 90th Battalion band, a regulation firing party, consisting of twelve men under a non-commissioned officer, and the general mourners. The coffins will be drawn on a gun-carriage. The two boys, both of them being just seventeen years of age, had just finished their course on a training ship at Chatham, England, and were discharged for duty on board a man-of-war.

The injured men, Samuel Harrison and Thomas Burns, are in the general hospital here. Both received severe internal injuries, one in the chest and the other in the back. Burns was injured in the thigh also. Though both are very weak the doctors feel confident of their recovery.

ADVICE BY ABERDEEN.

The Governor General Gives Warning Against Politics in Civil Service.

Events of Past Five Years Reviewed at Farewell Banquet by Ottawa Citizens.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—A farewell banquet was given to the Governor-General by citizens of Ottawa at the Russell House this evening. Mr. Justice Taschereau presided. After the usual loyal toasts the chairman proposed the health of the guest of the evening in eulogistic terms.

Lord Aberdeen, who received a splendid greeting, spoke at considerable length in reply. His observations consisted of a review of the history of Canada during the past five years. Incidentally he touched upon his relations with the several prime ministers, and expressed the hope that there would be no further friction on matters touching the religious feelings of the community. The Governor-General next referred to the better understanding between Canada and the States.

The most striking portion of his speech was that in which he referred to the position of the civil service, and urged that politics should be kept out of the public service. He would like to see the patronage system abolished and positions in the public service acquired by competitive examinations. He urged amicable settlement to the judiciary.

The Governor-General then alluded to the different organizations with which Lady Aberdeen's name had been prominently associated, such as the National Council of Women, the Victorian Order of Nurses and the Aberdeen Society for the dissemination of good literature among settlers in the Northwest, and he spoke of the organizations with the sympathy of the public.

He concluded with a friendly eulogy of his successor.

MANTOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Superintendent for Crow's Nest Railway—The Skating Champion Plans a Tour.

Winnipeg, Nov. 1.—(Special)—Fred L. Newman has been appointed divisional superintendent of the Crow's Nest railway.

The residence of Charles Little Cochrane, with contents, has been totally destroyed by fire.

The Winnipeg assizes open to-morrow. Paul Brown, a negro, will be tried for the murder of Wilbur Burton, another negro.

Jack McCullough will start out on an extended skating tour as soon as the season opens. He will visit all places in the Territories and British Columbia where there are rinks, and will afterwards go to the Lower Provinces and then to Northern Michigan. He has received an offer to give exhibitions in Paris, France, and negotiations are now in progress.

A rumor circulated to the effect that the money stolen from Molsons' Bank had been recovered and that the whole affair had been quietly hushed up and the guilty party let go on condition of his returning the stolen property, is entirely without foundation in fact.

The death is announced of Thomas Alexander Wade, at Santa Ana, Cal. The deceased was an early resident of Winnipeg and for many years deputy minister of public works for Manitoba.

DOCTORS TESTIFY.

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FRANCE QUILTS FASHODA

But Will Recall London Ambassador in Resentment at British Action.

Admission That Capture of Omdurman Has Entirely Changed Nile Situation.

Russia Too Busy in China to Give France Any Help in Egyptian Affairs.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 2.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "France will retire from Fashoda unconditionally and without asking compensation."

"Baron de Courcel, whose term as French ambassador in London expired long ago, but who has held on to conduct negotiations affecting Egypt, will now be recalled, and no haste will be shown to appoint his successor, with a view to marking French resentment at British action, for England has almost taken the place of Germany as the object of French hatred."

The Paris correspondent of the Times says: "Baron de Courcel gathered from a conversation held after the last British cabinet council, that Lord Salisbury's attitude had undergone no change, the British Premier insisting that it was impossible to disregard public opinion in England, and that nothing could be done until Fashoda was evacuated. So far as French public opinion is concerned, there is not the slightest idea of going to war for Fashoda, and any government doing so would be regarded as a government of imbeciles."

MARCHAND RECALLED.

The Daily Graphic said this morning: "We learn from an official source in Paris that Capt. Barthelemy bears instructions to Major Marchand to return to Fashoda and then to withdraw his expedition in the direction of the Upper Ubanghi river, the route of Fashoda and the five posts established east of the frontier indicated in the Anglo-German agreement."

"The Egyptian government will be invited to send troops to accompany Major Marchand's retreat. When Major Marchand has been instructed to proceed, negotiations based on proposals submitted by Baron de Courcel to Great Britain will be opened. France is disposed to recognize frankly that the reconquest of Omdurman completely changes the situation as it existed when Major Marchand's retirement was announced. It is not to be expected, however, that France will pursue the useless course of leaving her embassy in London vacant."

With all this going so far as the Daily Graphic, and the despatches from Paris to the morning papers indicate that the solution presented by the Daily Graphic will be the one finally reached, and that, even should the French sulk diplomatically, no further serious consequences are anticipated. It is not to be expected, however, that France will pursue the useless course of leaving her embassy in London vacant.

A TALKATIVE JUNIOR LORD.

London, Nov. 1.—Mr. Hayes Fisher, one of the junior lords of the treasury and member of parliament for Fulham, as well as a ministerial whip, speaking in London this evening said he had seen the despatches which enabled him to assert that the French government had decided to recall the Marchand mission from Fashoda.

In the course of an interview after the delivery of his speech Mr. Fisher on being asked what he thought of the French despatches justifying his assertion of the intention of the French to withdraw Major Marchand, replied that he had not said that he had read them, remarking that he had been misrepresented. There is little doubt, however, that either purposely or carelessly Mr. Fisher allowed the news of the actual fact to leak out.

RUSSIA BUSY ENOUGH.

London, Nov. 1.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "Russia has declined to support France in the Fashoda affair fearing that a re-opening of the Egyptian question would interfere with her tremendous task in China."

THE FRENCH CABINET.

Paris, Nov. 1.—President Faure this evening signed a decree constituting the cabinet formed by M. Dupuy, who had a long conference with his colleagues this afternoon and discussed all pending domestic and foreign questions. The ministers reached a complete accord regarding the past attitude of M. Delcasse, the foreign minister, toward the Fashoda question and as to the policy he proposes for the future. They approved also the taxation reform proposed by M. Peytral, minister of finance. It was agreed that the ministerial policy on the reassembling of parliament should declare that the present constitution of the cabinet was meant to mark a further stage in the complete union of the whole republican party and should promise the (Continued on Page 2)

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" Labouchere street (6 rooms).....8.00
" North rd., Spring Ridge (6 rms.).....6.00
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THE TRADE OF THE YUKON.

The Montreal Herald says that only about one-tenth of the trade of the Yukon comes to Canada. This may have been true as far as the outfitting went, but it will hardly hold good now that regular channels of communication have been opened up. There is no more reason why a merchant should buy goods in the United States to sell on the Yukon than to buy them there for sale at Edmonton. It is true there are some slight charges necessary, because the way into the Yukon is across United States territory, but these will not amount to sufficient to divert the wholesale trade to the United States.

The Herald apparently is under the impression that hereafter, as in the past, every miner going north will take an outfit with him. Only a few of them will do this. The majority will buy what they need from merchants in the Yukon, except possibly clothes and a few of the lighter articles. The staple food supplies will be purchased at Dawson or elsewhere in the North. There will be considerable outfitting trade in the early part of next year, but the individual purchases will not be large. After navigation opens next year there will be no reason for miners to take in staples, because prices will fall to a reasonable figure at all Yukon points. The day of phenomenal prices for commodities there is very nearly over. One effect of this drop will be to drive trade into Canadian channels. When goods brought almost anything a person chose to as— for them the duty cut a small figure; but when prices are down to a reasonable commercial margin of profit, merchants will have to consider all the factors which go to regulate the cost of articles, and the duty is one of them.

We suggest to our Montreal contemporary that it ought to use its influence with its friends in office to promote in every way possible the supplying of the Yukon from Canadian sources. One way in which this can be done is by the government hereafter refraining from placing any contracts, either for supplies or transportation, with United States concerns. Another is to secure the carriage of Canadian mails on Canadian vessels. Doubtless other ways will suggest themselves to the department, whose special duty it is to look into such matters. The Yukon trade is a valuable one, will grow and will be permanent. A special effort should be made to secure it.

THE POLICE MAGISTRACY.

At the City Council on Monday night the Mayor expressed his belief that the Police Magistrate of Victoria ought to be a good lawyer and should not be allowed to practice his profession. There is a good deal in this. It would be better that the position of Police Magistrate should be permanent and the salary and emoluments large enough to attract a good man, than that the contrary policy should prevail. A police magistrate ought not to be in such a position that his business interests might come in conflict with his official duties; and it is easy to see that if he is a practicing lawyer they might do so. He might any day be called upon to sit in judgment upon one of his best clients, which would not be a very desirable thing either from a public or private point of view.

The office is one of very great importance. The powers of the police magistrate are large, and the class of people with whom he has for the most part to deal is such that he must necessarily be the final judge in the majority of cases. It is, therefore, desirable that the place should be given to a man conversant not only with the law, but with the ways of men. He should be able to bring not only some degree of learning, but a reasonable share of experience to guide him in his labors. To secure such a man good remuneration and permanency of tenure of office are essential.

FRANCE IN EGYPT.

It is just a century since France began to dream of an Egyptian empire as an offset to British India. In July, 1798, Napoleon landed in Egypt with his army to carry out a very comprehensive plan. His object, as outlined in his address to his army before starting, was to relieve the people of Egypt from the oppression of their rulers, to cut a canal across the Isthmus of Suez, and to make the Red Sea a basis of operations against India. "Egypt will offset the possession of the Cape by England," was one of his phrases. There is reason to believe that he had a greater ambition than this—nothing less than the establishment of a great Mohammedan empire. He was then only 20 years of age, and a position on the Directory of France was closed to him by reason of his youth for eleven years. He believed he saw an open door in the East. More than one declaration of his belief that in the East only could a great conqueror find scope for his ambition has been preserved. On his arrival in Egypt he lost no time in appealing to the fanaticism of the people. While recognizing the supremacy of the Sultan of Constantinople, he issued a proclamation declaring that he was El Mahdi

foretold in the Koran, and his pretensions were recognized in influential Mohammedan quarters with at least the appearance of sincerity. It is not necessary to give a history of the Egyptian campaign. The chief point of interest now is that the overthrow of Napoleon's plans was due first to Nelson, who at the battle of the Nile fought on August 1 and 2, 1798, destroyed all hope of succor from France for the army, which rapidly became weakened through the effect of the climate and the excesses indulged in; and in the second place to Sir Sidney Smith, by destroying the French flotilla in the harbor of Acre, and afterwards compelling Napoleon to raise the siege of that town, effectually preventing the consummation of the scheme for the conquest of Syria.

The Egyptian expedition never was favored by the French Directory. Napoleon was allowed to go in the hope that he would never return. Nevertheless the popular mind in France was fired with the idea of the control of both ends of the Mediterranean, and England was never forgiven her part in preventing its realization. Frenchmen have since then looked upon Egypt as their right by way of sentiment. Hence when in 1856 De Lesseps invited subscriptions from the people of France to pay for the construction of the Suez canal, money flowed in so rapidly that the greater part of the moiety of the stock offered to the public was at once subscribed in that country. Frenchmen thought they saw at last the genius of their nation asserting itself, and about to complete what the great emperor had attempted and failed in performing. In 1869 the canal was opened for traffic. Ten years later the finances of Egypt became so involved that France and Great Britain conjointly undertook to supervise the government of the country. The British interest, which warranted a demand for a joint control with France, was based in part upon the claims of Egyptian bondholders, but chiefly upon the acquirement of the Khedive's interest in the canal by purchase in 1875. The joint control did not last very long. Arabi Pasha headed a rebellion against the Khedive in 1881. Great Britain asked France to join in suppressing it, but the request was refused, and thereupon Great Britain did the work alone. This was accomplished in 1882, and in the following year the dual control, already practically at an end, was formally dissolved. It is an old saying that we cannot forgive other people for our own mistakes. The blunder of France in refusing to participate in the suppression of Arabi's revolt led to the ousting of that country from a position to which she claimed a historic right, and Great Britain has never been forgiven for it. Since 1883 France has not attempted any interference in the affairs of Egypt, except as far as could be done under the terms of the treaty providing for a British Resident at Cairo. The Marchand expedition was not undertaken with any intention of acquiring from Egypt, through the back door, what had been allowed to slip out of the front one. Yet in the irony of fate it has happened that, just as for the third time there seemed to be a prospect of French dominion being extended over some part of the Nile valley, Great Britain again interposes with a command to abandon the field.

It thus appears that France has really no claim either to the possession of Egyptian territory nor to a voice in the control of its government, since she refused to exercise the latter at the only time when active interference was called for. French policy in regard to Egypt has been a succession of blunders, but its failure does not chafe the national pride any the less on that account. This disappointment and jealousy of British success in the same field in which French arms and diplomacy have been such conspicuous failures, are what will lead to hostilities between the two countries, if ever they come to pass.

THE CURRENCY PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES.

There is reason to suppose that one of the plans of the Republican party in the United States is to retire the greenbacks by the issue of bonds bearing a low rate of interest. The greenbacks are a survival of the war of secession, which was fought on a paper currency. Many readers may recall the daily quotations of gold which were given out from New York between 1861 and 1873. It was found out very soon after the beginning of the war that money could not be borrowed abroad sufficiently to meet expenses, and government notes were issued, which were not inaptly described as a forced loan from the people. By a greenback the government of the United States promised to pay the bearer a certain sum of money, and then by suspending specie payments did not redeem the promise. Hence greenbacks became depreciated, or, as the saying then was, gold went up. In 1873 specie payments were resumed and greenbacks thenceforward were at par. Greenbacks are now redeemable on presentation at the United States Treasury, but the law requires that they shall be at once issued in payment of public liabilities. They therefore form a large and very useful portion of the currency of the country. It is proposed now to retire them, and for that purpose to issue bonds specifically payable in gold; that is the holder of \$1,000 in greenbacks, which do not bear interest, will be enabled to convert them into a \$1,000 bond bearing interest. By this arrangement the greenbacks will disappear from circulation, but the liability of the treasury will not be lessened. On the contrary, it will be increased by the conversion of a non-interest bearing debt into an interest bearing one. On the face of it such a proposition does not seem to be good financing. The only excuse for it seems to be that, while greenbacks are out-

standing, it is always possible for those who want gold to get it out of the treasury by presenting them for payment, which leads to embarrassing conditions, but under existing currency laws the government can easily protect itself from a run by compelling the persons presenting greenbacks to take silver for them. No secretary of the treasury in a long time has had the courage to apply this heroic remedy, which on its part is open to serious objections.

How to get rid of the greenbacks without seriously contracting the currency of the country is the difficult problem now confronting the financiers of the United States. Indeed it may be said without exaggeration that the currency problem surpasses in difficulty any other with which the republic has to deal. International bimetalism would afford an instant and complete remedy, for the greenbacks could then be permanently retired and silver be substituted; but the man who thinks he sees international bimetalism anywhere in sight must be looking backwards and not ahead.

The Colonist is favored with many letters for publication. In some cases the name of the writer does not accompany them, and hence the letters are not printed. To some correspondents it may seem strange that in their case this rule is enforced, because the subject matter of their letters is not such as renders the personality of the writer of any moment. To such we have only to say that if the rule were departed from in one case it would be impossible to draw the line anywhere, and the result would be frequent misunderstandings. Another observation may be made to correspondents, namely, that while the newspaper is not responsible for the sentiments they express, it is responsible for publishing them. Hence both the matter of letters and the manner in which they are expressed are subject to editorial supervision and alteration, although as a rule no changes in matter will be made without the consent of the writer. We hope our readers will keep these things in mind, for by so doing they will save themselves annoyance and the Colonist the necessity of performing a disagreeable duty.

The city council and the school board have arrived at a "modus vivendi," but neither side to the dispute will admit that anything like a final settlement has been reached. In the present contest the Mayor stands in the position of Mons. Delcasse, and the School Board represent the Marquis of Salisbury. Mons. Delcasse says, "I am in possession of Fashoda, i.e., the money, and I will not give it up." The Marquis of Salisbury answers: "Until you have given it up I will decline to discuss whether or not I have a right to it." Thus an irresistible force having come into contact with an immovable object, something had to happen, and so Delcasse remarks: "I am willing to give it up, but you will understand that I propose to reopen the whole question." Whereat Salisbury smiles, and observing to his associates that it is good policy never to bid a certain personage "Good morning" until you meet him, accepts the concession and awaits developments.

Montreal people are being urged to burn all household refuse. The advice is good for every city. It is true that in Victoria we have the Strait for a dumping ground, and the tides carry the sweepings and scrapings of the city everywhere, but, as a matter of domestic economy and for general sanitary reasons, it would be wise to burn everything that is capable of being burned. Many families follow that practice now, and if it were generally adopted there would be a great deal more individual and public comfort. Clean ashes are immensely superior to miscellaneous rubbish.

Yesterday was the first occasion upon which the people of Victoria had the advantage of weather forecasts. That for the day was: "Moderate to fresh westerly winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature." This was fairly well borne out by the experience of the day, although the showers foretold for the Lower Mainland took in Victoria on their way. Owing to the proximity of the ocean, weather forecasts here can hardly be as accurate as at interior points, but they will be found very useful.

As one of the most strenuous objectors to Mr. Mulock's do-nothing policy in regard to the Dawson post office, the Colonist is glad to be able to congratulate him upon his letter to the new postmaster at that mining camp. It hopes that with this letter instructions have been issued that will keep the subordinate officials in a state of wholesome fear.

The correspondent of a contemporary signs himself "San Juan de Fuca." When was Juan de Fuca canonized? Unless tradition lies the old navigator was decidedly a horse of another color.

Referring to the intention of the Great Northern to apply for a charter for the Kettle River railway at the next session of parliament, the Toronto Globe takes strong ground in favor of granting it.

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The reports from Hootalinqua will once more stimulate interest in that part of the country. The probabilities are that an immense amount of prospecting will be done in that region and Northern British Columbia next season. Victoria ought to secure a large share of the outfitting.

What some of the city officials called the Colonist's plan for collecting water rates seems to have been a great success. At the same time it is not to the Colonist alone that the city is indebted for its adoption. We only did our share.

The discovery of gold near Glenora bears out the suggestion of the Colonist that a secondary gold belt extends the whole length of the province just east of the Coast Range.

Taxes are coming in better than ever this year. So says City Treasurer Kent. This is a highly satisfactory condition of things and shows that times are improving.

Current Comment

WESTERN LIBERAL REVOLT.

The rejection of the Sifton candidates at the recent meeting of the Winnipeg Liberal Association is only one sign among many, pointing to the fact that the Laurier government, by its maladministration of the trust confided to it, is losing the confidence and respect of the Western voters, as, to a large extent, it has lost its strength in the East. The reports of the meeting show that the members cheered when reference was made by Mr. Jamieson, M.P., to the "slaughter of the Yukon railway contract job." Mr. Sifton was the father of the scheme, but the whole government sanctioned it, even Mr. Blair, who contented himself by showing that he did not like it over much. Whatever discredit attaches to Mr. Sifton in the matter, therefore, belongs to his colleagues also, and any rebuke to him is a rebuke to them, and will discredit the whole administration. The West is against Mr. Sifton and the government. Mr. Oliver, M.P., has been told by a Sifton organ that he is not a good Liberal, and has retorted in effect that he does not want to be in Siftonism in Liberalism. Mr. Richardson, M.P., for Lisgar, is leading in the Winnipeg fight against Mr. Sifton. The Province, which Mr. Bostock, M.P., has a control in, and the Victoria Times, the paper of Senator Templeton, have spoken, if not against Mr. Sifton himself, at any rate against what is advanced in Mr. Sifton's behalf, by the few and not very influential papers that endorse his course, particularly in regard to the Yukon country. And, in the Northwest, Mr. Sifton stands for the government. The revolt against him is a revolt against the government. It affects not only Manitoba, but the Territories and British Columbia. It is proof of the government's decay. It is only one of many. The Laurier government is on the down grade.—Montreal Gazette.

LIBERAL EDITOR IN DAWSON.

The Pembroke Observer is a staunch Grit paper. It is a strong supporter of Liberal principles and of the Laurier administration. The editor, Mr. R. C. Miller, is at present in Dawson City and last week the Observer printed a three-column letter from him, and in concluding his description of his trip up there Mr. Miller says:

"I had thought of giving you an inkling into how things are at Dawson and the Klondike, but the subject is both too big and too warm for the fax end of this already long epistle. I may journey by way of an inkling, though, that it has been our pleasure or the reverse all summer to listen to most violent railings at the government and the officials at Dawson, who were both charged with the most vile and deliberate corruption. For myself, I did not believe the government knew anything of the dirt here, even if it really existed as charged, though many good friends have indignantly declared to me that it is their business to know. Since I have reached Dawson I have almost been forced to a like conclusion and have no hesitation in declaring that if they do not take strong and speedy steps to end the orgy that is in progress here, they will not only have become partners in the dirt

themselves, but shall have permitted the continuance of a system which must result in very great financial and moral injury to the Dominion. I have been here now for two weeks and have been noting and enquiring on every hand, and though I cannot yet give you facts and figures I have seen enough to convince myself that it is worse even than the mind of an honest man can conceive. That the mining laws are being set aside on a colossal scale is beyond all question, and that barbed bribery is the rule of the day is equally certain. But why go on. I have already told you it was high time to draw this letter to a close. And doubtless you have heard of the seamy side of Dawson from a number of other sources. Believe me you can accept all you hear in that line—no matter how extravagant—as within the bounds of probability. Yours, R. C. Miller.—Ottawa Citizen.

VANCOUVER, FOR INSTANCE.

The Ottawa Free Press declares that the "Toronto Globe" is no longer the official mouthpiece of the Liberal party. With Liberal papers all over the country repudiating each other and casting aspersions on each other's integrity, and otherwise doing their best to injure each other's character, the time for the fall of the party they represent must be drawing nigh.—Montreal Gazette.

NO HOPE FOR PROHIBITION.

The proposals of the prohibitionists being radical in their nature, they could not be accepted by any administration of men with a reasonable sense of the responsibilities of their position, unless the will of the people was expressed so clearly that there could remain no doubt as to the force of public opinion which would sustain the sumptuary law after it was passed. Not merely did the recent plebiscite show that there was no preponderant majority of the voters who went to the polls in favor of prohibition, but it proved that there exists in the Dominion a large body of men so indifferent regarding the question that they did not give expression to their opinion. A government, when a question of this character is up for consideration, cannot ignore this indifference. If it did, and attempted a radical departure in legislation, it would very probably find this indifference to an academic proposition become a very positive force were the theoretical to become the actual. The Dominion government, in view of the result of the plebiscite, has no reason to feel that action on its part is demanded. For the prohibitionists to insist to the contrary is to invite deserved criticism from friends of the movement who desire to see its advocates guided by practical wisdom as well as inspired by enthusiasm.—Montreal Herald.

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Thrown From a Carriage.—While driving on the Cedar Hill road on Monday afternoon Miss Knight met with a serious accident. The wheel of the carriage came off and she was thrown out on the road, breaking her arm and receiving other painful bruises.

Work for a Change.—William H. Moore was yesterday sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labor for vagrancy. He is the man who was run out of Vancouver after serving a term for stealing. It is a very significant fact that since he was arrested there has been less petty stealing around the city.

Must Stand Trial.—J. Knowles was yesterday committed for trial on the charge of posting an obscene picture on the doors of tenants in the Five Sisters block. Nobody saw Knowles posting the obscene picture, but he was caught posting dodgers and other papers, including the summons to appear in court on the door of a neighbor. He will probably elect to be tried under the Speedy Trials act.

Inland Returns.—The inland returns for the month of October are as follows: Spirits, \$12,632.90; Malt, 1,412.78; Manufacture tobacco, 2,208.12; Raw leaf, 113.50; Liquors, 769.50; Other receipts, 5.00.

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DEATH OF DRIVER KINSEY.

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The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital yesterday of Thomas B. Kinsey, driver of the James Bay hose wagon of the Victoria fire department. The deceased, who was considered one of the best men in the department, having a record that it would be hard to beat, caught a cold through hurrying out for two false alarms rung in on October 2. Both alarms were rung in by some mischievous person, and both made it necessary for Driver Kinsey to leave his bed and go out scantily dressed. The cold finally caused pneumonia, and a week later yesterday he was taken to the Jubilee hospital, where he gradually sank, death coming at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Kinsey was a native of Wales, 41 years of age, and leaves a widow and five small children. He served in the British army for 12 years, being stationed for a time with the Sixtieth Rifles at Winchester, England, and afterwards at Halifax, N. S. He came to Victoria in 1890, joined the fire department a year later as hoseman, and in 1892 was appointed to the position of driver.

LIQUOR ON PLEDISCITE DAY.

Proceedings for Fines for Its Sale Held to Be for Civil and Not Criminal Courts.

In the Montreal police court last week Judge Desjardins delivered judgment in the case of Hector Cloutier, bartender, accused of having sold liquor to Gedeon Leblanc on the plebiscite voting day. He said:

This prosecution is based on article 83 of the Federal Election Act S.C., chapter 8, which forbids the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors in hotels, etc., on a polling day and upon article 6 of the Plebiscite Act of the last session, which provides for the purpose of submitting the question of prohibition to the electors the same proceedings as near as possible shall be had as in the case of the general Dominion election.

To this action, the defendant pleads, first, that the said legislation (closing hotels, etc.) is ultra vires of the Federal parliament. Second, That the police court has no jurisdiction to hear the cases. Third, That the offence is charged in too vague terms. Fourth, A general denial.

"I do not think it necessary to answer the first objection here. As to the second it is elementary that justices of the peace and courts of inferior jurisdiction have no power beyond those vested in them specifically. In the present case the complainant claims that this court is vested with the necessary authority by virtue of section 106 of the said Federal election act, which says: 'That all penalties and forfeitures other than fines in cases of misdemeanor, imposed by this act, shall be recoverable, or enforceable with all costs of suit, by any person who sues for the same by action of debt or information in any court of competent jurisdiction.'

The complainant pretends that the word 'information,' in section 106, shows the intention of the parliament was that such penalties and forfeitures may be prosecuted in the criminal court. I cannot admit that view. The statute names 'information' only and not 'criminal' information, and as a matter of fact, 'information' is used in civil as well as in criminal cases. The tenor of said section 106, as well as the sections following, namely 107-8 and 9, indicates that the penalties enforced under the Federal election act are to be sued for by civil process. Section 96 itself shows this clearly by the exception it makes between crimes (other than fines in misdemeanor), meaning thereby that misdemeanors only shall be prosecuted by information.

I have very great doubts whether section 83 of the election act applies to plebiscite polling day at all. Section 6 of the Plebiscite Act read carefully does not seem to me to favor the meaning. However, it will be for the civil courts to decide that point. I have no hesitation in declaring that this court has no jurisdiction, and that being my opinion it is not necessary for me to discuss the other points raised. This action is dismissed with costs.

E. A. Fitzgerald, the explorer, who won much renown by making the ascent of Mount Aconcagua, in South America, is just recovering from a severe illness, which resulted from his perilous trip. He expects to spend the winter in Egypt and later return to South America for some more mountain climbing.

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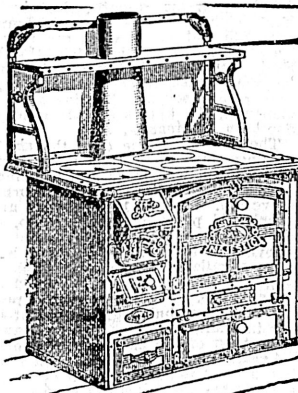


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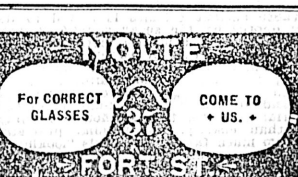
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RESERVE.....\$1,000,000
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IN BRITISH COLUMBIA: Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Kamloops, Nelson, Sandon.
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Drafts, Letters of Credit, Etc., issued direct on Dawson City.

Savings Bank Department

Deposits received from \$1 upwards, and interest allowed thereon. Gold dust purchased and every description of Banking Business transacted. GEO. GILLESPIE, Manager. Victoria, B. C., November, 1893.

Hotel Astoria.

Remember when going North that the
AT SKAGWAY.
Is the largest and best furnished Hotel in Alaska. Has steam heat, electric light, bathroom, hot and cold water, call bells, etc. Reliable information as to freight and transportation furnished on application. Baggage stored free. Headquarters for Victoria & B. C. Travelers.CRAMPTON & ARMANDROUT, Props.
Beds 50c. to \$1.50. No bunks.DECIDED BARGAINS
A good two-story house and two lots; assessed \$1,800.00; price \$1,400.00. Three lots fronting on three streets; assessed \$1,300.00; price \$900.00. All in good positions.Swinerton & Oddy
108 Government Street.YUKON MINERS
I am prepared to buy some good properties for any party who is unable to come out this spring. Parties wishing a claim or two should write me as early as possible, as I intend to leave in July to visit my family in Edmonton and to bring out my sons. Letters should be accompanied by draft on the American Commercial Co. or the North American Trading & Transportation Co. made in my favor. Being on the ground and having had some experience I am in a position to buy to advantage. Claims on unprospected properties can to-day be bought for from one to five thousand which may be worth fifty thousand next fall. Will be in Victoria early in August and again about the 20th. Or any parties preferring a deposit amount in a Victoria bank and advise me of the same and what amount they wish to pay for a claim, and I can bring out the bill of sale and records.LOUIS COURETTE,
Dawson City, Yukon.
References—Lieut. Governor Dewdney, F. Oliver, M. P., Edmonton; Judge McCallister.Good, Clean Cotton
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FOR READY REFERENCE.

Steamer and Railway Time Tables, Fire Alarm and Letter Boxes, Etc.

For convenient reference the following information is given in the time table of steamers and trains and on postal and other matters relating to the city will be found useful. The information is given as concisely as possible for the benefit of the busy public:

VICTORIA-VANCOUVER ROUTE.
Steamer Islander leaves O.P.N. wharf daily (except Monday) at 1 a.m. for Vancouver, and arrives at Victoria at 7 p.m. daily (except Monday).VICTORIA-WESTMINSTER ROUTE.
Steamer Princess Louise leaves O.P.N. wharf, Victoria, for Westminster and Fraser river points on Sunday at 11 p.m. and on Wednesday and Friday at 7 a.m.; arrives at Victoria on Monday at 9 p.m., and on Thursday and Saturday at 3 p.m.FOR PUGET SOUND.
Steamer City of Kingston leaves Victoria for Seattle from O.P.N. wharf daily (except Sunday) at 8 a.m. and arrives daily (except Sunday) at 6 a.m.FOR PORT ANGELES.
Steamer Garland leaves Turner, Beeton & Co.'s wharf on Monday and Wednesday & Co.'s wharf on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 p.m., and arrives at Victoria on Saturday and Wednesday at 3 p.m.VICTORIA-COMOX ROUTE.
Steamer City of Nanaimo leaves the E. & N. wharf on Tuesday at 7 a.m. for Comox, connecting at Nanaimo on Wednesday morning with the train from Victoria. She arrives at Victoria on Saturday at 4 p.m.NORTHERN B. C. ROUTE.
Steamer Danube leaves O.P.N. wharf, Victoria, for all Northern British Columbia ports and Skagway, Wrangell and Hazelton on the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 p.m.

Steamer Queen City leaves O.P.N. wharf on same route on the 8th and 22nd of each month at 8 p.m.

Steamer Cutch leaves Port's wharf, Victoria, for Port Simpson and way ports on the 4th and 18th of each month.

WEST COAST VANCOUVER ISLAND.
Steamer Willapa leaves O.P.N. wharf for Abouset, Alberni and way ports at 8 p.m. on October 7th and 14th; and for Alberni, Cape Scott and way ports at 8 p.m. on October 20th.RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
For Nanaimo, Wellington and intermediate points, trains leave E. & N. station, Store street, daily at 9 a.m., and arrive at Victoria at 12:07 p.m. An additional train leaves Victoria Saturdays and Sundays at 4 p.m. and arrives at Victoria at 8 p.m.

For Saanichton and Sidney trains leave V. & S. station, Hillside avenue, daily (except Saturdays and Sundays) at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., and arrive at Victoria at 9:08 a.m. and 6:08 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays trains leave at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., and arrive at 9:08 a.m. and 6:08 p.m.

PUBLIC OFFICE HOURS.
City Hall.—The offices of the various departments at the city hall are open to the public daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Public Library.—The public library at the city hall are open from 11 a.m. to 12 m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Provincial Departments.—Office hours for the public at the departments in the parliament buildings are from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., except Saturdays, when they close at 1 p.m.

Court House.—Registrar's office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except Saturdays, when it closes at 1 p.m.

The Land Registry office opens at 9:30 a.m., the closing hour being 4 p.m., except on Saturday, when it is 1 p.m.

Postal Office.—The customs house and postal package office are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., except Saturdays, when the closing hour is 1 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO FLEET.
Steamer. Due. Sails.
Umatilla.....Nov. 4 Nov. 10
Queen.....Nov. 9 Nov. 15
Walla Walla.....Nov. 14 Nov. 20CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.
Steamer. Due. Sails.
Warrimoo.....In 1893 schedule
Aorangi.....Nov. 5 Nov. 17
Miwerr.....Nov. 12 Dec. 15NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA LINE.
Steamer. Due from Orient.
Rijoun Maru.....Nov. 4
Kinsu Maru.....Nov. 11
Yamaguchi Maru.....Nov. 18
(Calling inward only)C.P.R. ASIATIC LINE.
Steamer. Due. Sails.
Empress of India.....Dec. 14
Empress of Japan.....Nov. 16 Dec. 5NORTHERN PACIFIC ASIATIC LINE.
Steamer. Due. Sails.
Tacoma.....Jan. 7 Jan. 18
Victoria.....Dec. 31 Oct. 30
Olympia.....Nov. 19 Nov. 27
Glenogle.....Nov. 26 Dec. 4ALASKAN LINERS.
Steamer. Due. Sails.
Amur.....Nov. 4 Nov. 6
City of Seattle.....Nov. 3
Hoskoda.....Nov. 6 Oct. 27
Dirigo.....Nov. 12 Nov. 3
Danube.....Nov. 12 Nov. 3
Queen City.....Nov. 8 Oct. 26
Cottage City.....Nov. 12 Nov. 1
Al-Ki.....Nov. 6 Oct. 27
City of Topeka.....Nov. 7 Oct. 27
Farrall.....Nov. 7 Oct. 27
Horsa laid up.MERCHANTMAN.
At Victoria.
British ship Riverside, 1,500 tons; Capt. McCully; general cargo for Victoria and Vancouver.

Barkentine Spinaway, 325 tons; Capt. Johnson; loads at Moodyville for Fremantle on owner's account.

American bark Bandaleer, 921 tons; loads on the Sound.

Bark Harvester, 1,378 tons; here for repairs.

British ship Celtic Race, 1,783 tons; chartered by Capt. Ward & Co. to load salmon for the United Kingdom.

At Moodyville.
American bark Seminole, 1,322 tons; Capt. Taylor; loading for Adelaide.

Ewell, Am. bk., loading for Adelaide.

Hindostan, Chl. sh., loading for South America.

American bark Carrollton, Capt. Jones; 1,300 tons.

At Chemalmus.
American bark Rufus E. Woods, 1,332 tons; Capt. McLeod; loading for Sydney.

American bark Colusa, loading for Sydney.

American barkentine, Robt. Seale, loading for Shanghai.

At Hastings.
American ship Kennebec, 2,127 tons; Capt. Lewis; loading for South Africa.

Chilian bark Eliza, Capt. Harkn; loading for China.

American schooner John D. Tallent; loading for Australia.

British bark Garmore, 1,025 tons; Capt. Carrance; loading for Iquique.

At Departure Bay.
Bark Wilna, Capt. Slater; loading for San Francisco.

Ship America, 1,600 tons; Capt. Harding; loading for San Francisco.

Bark Big Bonanza, 1,390 tons; loading.

Hayden Brown, 822 tons; Capt. Weidner.

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On the Frasier.
German ship Atalanta, Capt. Dunner, 1,057 tons; loading for Liverpool, on account of Turner, Beeton & Co.For British Columbia.
Ferry Cross, Br. bk., 1,300 tons; from Cardiff with coal.

Diverside, Br. ship, 1,500 tons; from Liverpool with general cargo.

Drumbrunton, Br. ship, 1,773 tons; Capt. Spurring; from London, with general cargo.

Melrose, American bark, Capt. Peterson; from Santa Rosalia, via San Francisco.

James Nesmith, American ship, 1,033 tons; Capt. McLeod; en route from St. Michael; to load coal for San Francisco.

J. B. Brown, 1,407 tons; Capt. Maguire, under charter to load lumber for Sydney; en route from Honolulu.

John Smith, (bk.), 526 tons, Capt. Groth, chartered to load for Capetown, en route from Taku.

Helen Denny, British bark, 728 tons, Capt. Smith, chartered to load lumber for Melbourne, now en route from Newcastle via Honolulu.

John A. Hedges, 1900 tons, Capt. Balch, chartered to load lumber for Capetown, coming from Sydney via Honolulu.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.
To ring in an alarm break the glass covering the key, open the door and pull down the hook on the inner door once and let it remain at the box to direct the firemen.

All the fire halls are connected with telephone 538.

2-Birdseye Walk and Superior street, James Bay.

4-City and Simcoe streets, James Bay.

5-Michigan and Menzies street, James Bay.

6-Menzies and Niagara streets, James Bay.

7-Montreal and Kingston streets, James Bay.

8-Montreal and Simcoe streets, James Bay.

9-Dallas road and Simcoe street, James Bay.

14-Vancouver and Burdette avenue.

15-Douglas and Humboldt streets.

16-Humboldt and Rupert streets.

23-Fort and Government streets.

24-Yates and Wharf streets.

34-Johnson and Government streets.

26-Douglas st. between Port and View.

27-No. 1 Fire Hall, Pandora street.

31-View and Blanchard streets.

32-Fort and Quadra streets.

34-Yates and Cook streets.

35-Yates and Fernwood streets.

36-Junction Oak Bay and Cadboro roads.

37-Cadboro and Richmond roads.

44-Quadra and Pandora streets.

42-Clatham and Blanchard streets.

43-Caledonia and Cook streets.

51-Douglas and Discovery streets.

52-Government and Princess streets.

53-Kings road and Second street.

54-Fountain, Douglas street and Hillside avenue.

56-Oakland Fire Hall.

61-Cornwall and Store streets.

62-Discovery and Store streets.

63-John and Bridge streets.

64-Catherine street, Victoria West.

65-Springfield and Esquimalt road.

71-Douglas street and Burnside road.

POSTAL INFORMATION.
The post office general delivery is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except Sundays); register tickets from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. money order and savings bank from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Street letter boxes are placed throughout the city as follows:

Cor. Store and Discovery streets.

Cor. Government and Douglas streets.

Cor. Quadra and Pandora avenue.

Cor. Quadra and Pioneer streets.

Cor. Carr and Niagara streets.

Cor. Douglas and Pandora streets.

Cor. Fernwood road and Yates street.

Cor. Cook and Port streets.

Cor. Menzies and Quebec streets.

Cor. Montreal and Quebec streets.

Cor. Macleod and Collinson street.

Cor. Vancouver and Richmond streets.

Cor. Caledonia ave. and Chambers street.

Cor. Kings road and Second street.

Cor. Bridge and John streets.

Cor. St. Lawrence and Simcoe streets.

Cor. Oak and Cadboro Bay roads.

Druid Hotel.
The public are cautioned against posting anything but letters in the street letter boxes, as the forcing of newspapers, etc., prevents letters from being safely deposited in the boxes. Collections are made from letter boxes at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. in time for despatch by the principal mails. Letters with valuable contents must not be posted in letter boxes, but should be taken to post office, and receipt obtained therefor.

On Sunday there is only one collection from the boxes, at 9 p.m.

There is a general delivery throughout the city twice daily, commencing at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

A CRY FOR HELP
Heard and answered.
Dr. CHASE

Who gave to suffering men and women his celebrated Ointment, the only positive cure for Piles, Eczema and all Skin Diseases.

With a heart as tender as that of any child, Dr. Chase saw with sorrow the actual torments which many people suffer from itching, burning Piles. The treatment usually prescribed was a surgical operation, and this the doctor thought to be cruel and expensive. He had a son who was a doctor and he decided to try to cure at hand using his own knowledge and his own experience.

It took many years to perfect the preparation known as Dr. Chase's Ointment. He has his daily practice the doctor saw just where he could improve on it, and today Dr. Chase's Ointment stands without a rival as an absolute cure for Piles, Eczema, and all itching of the skin. Scarcely a day goes by but some one writes to him asking for a remedy for his Piles, Eczema, Salt Rheum and Piles. Dr. Chase's Ointment stands alone eminently successful.

Dr. Chase's New Receipt Book, cloth bound, 500 pages, regular price \$1.00, sent to any address in Canada on receipt of 50 cents and this coupon. Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto. 31.

After Saladin's death the buildings of the Maristan were neglected and became

JERUSALEM AS IT IS.
The Holy City as the Kaiser Has Seen It—German Protestant Interests in Holy Land.London Times.
Greater activity in pushing forward municipal improvements and other public works exists just now in and about Jerusalem than has before been witnessed in modern times. Roads throughout the country are being repaired and new ones constructed. The ancient mole of Olives, which served Titus and his army of war, along which David fled from Absalom as he was stoned and cursed by Shimei, and which have been climbed by generations of Jebusites and Jews, Romans, Moslems and Christian knights, pilgrims and tourists, are being replaced by a modern carriage road. The gate of the German Embassy that she may be able to reach these sacred sites without fatigue.

ROYAL Baking Powder

Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking powders are the greatest menaces to health of the present day.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Nov. 1, 8 p.m. SYNOPSIS.

Owing to the rapid passage of a decided storm centre across Northern British Columbia in conjunction with an area of high barometric pressure over the Oregon coast, high south-westerly winds have prevailed throughout this province, the N. W. Territories and the North Pacific states. Canby reports a maximum velocity of 44 miles.

Slight showers have occurred west of the Cascades, while to the eastward, in Canada the weather has been fair and mild.

TEMPERATURES.

	Max.	Min.
Victoria.....	48	33
Winnipeg.....	32	24
Qu'Appelle.....	26	32
Calgary.....	29	22
Kamloops.....	42	50
Portland.....	50	54
San Francisco.....	62	68

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 8 a.m., Pacific time, Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity--

Decreasing westerly winds, generally fair and cool to-day, probably fair Thursday.

Lower Mainland--

Westerly winds, gradually clearing weather, preceded by occasional showers.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Temperature: .. Deg. .. Deg.

5 a.m. 48 Mean..... 50

Noon 52 Highest..... 53

5 p.m. 49 Lowest..... 47

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 3 miles South East

Noon..... 26 miles West

5 p.m. 18 miles West

Rain--10 inches

Sunshine record--4 hr. 30 min.

Average state of weather fair, with occasional showers.

Barometer at noon--Observed..... 30.024

Corrected..... 29.973

E. BAYNES REED,

Provincial Forecast Official.

A KLONDIKER'S ROMANCE.

Followed His Runaway Wife to London

Whence They Return Happily Reunited.

News-Advertiser Correspondence.

London, Oct. 15.--The real story of Van Alstine, the Klondiker, and his wife, is well known in Vancouver, but Vancouverites may like to have a version of a Daily Mail. That paper says:

An affair which resembles a story, half Bret Harte and half Dickens, in real life, has just ended nicely and happily in London.

The story begins in Klondike, where C. Van Alstine, the wealthy owner of a number of valuable claims, and his wife, who has been at the point of his pistol--took to himself a wife some three months ago.

The bride was, as might be supposed, of one who had made her way to Klondike, a self-reliant, strong-willed, vigorous young woman, and after the first few weeks of married life the couple did not find their tempers too compatible. They appear to have remained, however, until their devotion was interrupted with frequent intervals for spirited argument, not to say recrimination.

Alstine went on like this until a few weeks ago, when Van Alstine returned from his work in the goldmine one evening to find his wife had gone. He appears then to have discovered really for the first time how fond he was of her. He offered her a reward of \$5,000 for information about her, and in the course of a few days discovered that she had sailed on the White Star liner Majestic, Consul-General Mackenzie, and that she was to be kept in sight wherever she went on her arrival in England, and instructed that if she were called to Liverpool before the Majestic got in, then, like another Peggy in search of Little Emory, Van Alstine set out to follow his runaway wife.

He caught the Cunard liner Umbria, which left New York just a few days later than the Majestic, finding the deck of the Umbria, this great, tall, weather-beaten miner with the anxious face must have looked a striking object. Not knowing how much money he might want in his search he carried with him a small bag filled to the brim with gold nuggets, and had \$4,000 in his money belt. He reached Liverpool on the first of the present month, and, learning that his wife had not yet arrived, he too, came up to the metropolis post haste.

She ended his search for a day or two, but at last the couple faced each other in the woman's sitting room at a well-known hotel. Exactly how the interview proceeded is known by a strictly limited circle, but it may be imagined pretty accurately from the consequences it led to. The man was immediately relieved to find the case of the Little Emory was, at all events not complicated by the existence of any Steerforth, and the young woman was doubtless surprised to find that in spite of his apparent coarseness at Klondike, her husband was sufficiently fond of her to travel across the ocean to fetch her and himself.

Mrs. Van Alstine came to England alone and unhappily.

The pair are now together and very happy, on the Umbria, now on their way to New York, all faults forgiven on either side.

Henri Rogner, Jose Maria de Tereza and Leon Dierx are the chief candidates for the now vacant position of Prince of Poets, in Paris. The young descendants of the Mercure de France called this title into existence about six years ago and elected to it by a strictly limited circle, frize Paul Verlaine. He was succeeded by Stephane Mallarme, who died not long ago.

Boys' Pea Jackets, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25; Boys' Overcoats, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3. B. Williams & Co.

MR. FINN'S BUSINESS.

Sir: In your issue of yesterday morning I noticed a letter signed "Anti-Humburg" in which it was stated that I was sent out here by the Canadian government to investigate the sealing industry. I simply wish to deny the statement. I am here on purely private business, so that my friend Anti-Humburg is entirely mistaken, to say the least.

MR. FINN.

COAL, Nut Coal - \$4.25 Lump - 5.50 Full weight given.

Munn, Holland & Co.

Corner Broad St. and Truncheon Avenue

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THEATRES CLOSED TO AMATEURS.

Sir: An advertisement which I enclose, and which I am publishing in the Victoria and Vancouver papers, will probably excite considerable comment, as there are so many young people in both cities concerned in getting up the attractions referred to, but I feel satisfied that most of them will need only the explanation given in the notice itself to enable them to recognize the justice of the stand which I feel myself compelled to take in the matter.

In Victoria one group of amateurs is getting up "Iolanthe," another "The Pearl of Pekin," another "Robin Hood," and others are spoken of. All of these also want time in the Vancouver Opera House. In Vancouver one group wishes to present "The Shop Girl," and the opera house is being spoken of for six Philharmonic concerts, and there are other applications which I do not call to mind at the moment. "The Shop Girl" also wishes time in Victoria. All of these wish to perform in the theatres during the present regular theatrical season, the only time in which I have a chance of making anything out of them. The fact is that from now until the end of February there is only one single week in which I have not got from one to three attractions booked for both houses, and I am conducting correspondence now which will most probably result in my booking that week as well, and I am also conducting correspondence which will undoubtedly fill up what little vacant time I have left in the months of March, April and May. If I allow the use of the houses in either city to these entertainments, I do it with the knowledge that it is at the expense of the business of the regular attractions immediately preceding or following them. They have the greatest advantage of me, and do so by most bitterly at my inducing them to visit these towns by making representations of possible good business, and then ruining their business and causing them heavy loss by allowing a heavy amateur production the use of the houses just before or just after their date, the result being the same in either case.

All attractions to which I do not guarantee a certain amount are played upon a percentage. I take an agreed upon percentage on the gross receipts, out of which I pay the entire local expense, and we are thus partners in the production of the show. I am certainly not doing my duty by my partners in allowing their business to be ruined in the manner referred to, nor to myself, whose business naturally suffers in the same way, and if I gain the reputation of conducting my houses in that way I shall very soon find it hard to induce companies to visit a section in which no attempt is made to conserve their interests. The suggestion has been made to me that I could protect myself by making such terms with the different amateur attractions as would compensate me for any loss I might sustain through injury to the business of my regular attractions. Quite so, I have not the slightest doubt but that I could make such terms. All I would have to do would be to insist upon them. But would I be acting honorably to my partners, the owners of the regular attractions, which I have induced to visit this territory? I know I would not, and I feel satisfied that all who have not an ulterior motive in getting up the amateur entertainments will agree with me.

Two cases in point--one in Victoria and one in Vancouver--illustrate very fully what I mean. I am certainly not doing my duty by my partners in allowing their business to be ruined in the manner referred to, nor to myself, whose business naturally suffers in the same way, and if I gain the reputation of conducting my houses in that way I shall very soon find it hard to induce companies to visit a section in which no attempt is made to conserve their interests. The suggestion has been made to me that I could protect myself by making such terms with the different amateur attractions as would compensate me for any loss I might sustain through injury to the business of my regular attractions. Quite so, I have not the slightest doubt but that I could make such terms. All I would have to do would be to insist upon them. But would I be acting honorably to my partners, the owners of the regular attractions, which I have induced to visit this territory? I know I would not, and I feel satisfied that all who have not an ulterior motive in getting up the amateur entertainments will agree with me.

In Vancouver I rented the opera house for Friday and Saturday evenings for the production of the children's opera, "The Triumph of Love," and on Tuesday evening the Henderson company, numbering 40 people in all, and one of the strongest attractions I have had the privilege of booking. "The Triumph of Love," it is stated, played to \$800 on Friday night, and had a large house on Saturday night. On Monday and Tuesday evenings Bennett's band and the Henderson company, a most expensive attraction, played to very light business, and we both lost money. Here also there is no room for argument upon the statement that the fact that, instead of making a greater or less profit out of the venture, we both lost money, does not entirely to the large business done on Friday and Saturday evenings.

I would not have booked a regular attraction on those evenings to conflict with the band, and I am free to confess that I was clearly in the wrong in allowing the use of the house to the amateur attractions. But I do not regret it, and in heavy damages by the band for so doing. This explanation is not intended for the professionals and others who have, in some cases, been using the amateurs, as well as myself, in getting up entertainments ostensibly for charitable purposes, but in reality for their own pecuniary benefit. Their opinions as to whether I should conduct my own business in my own interests or in theirs will possibly be a trifle prejudiced, and will in any case be of no moment to me. It is intended for the amateur attractions, and the public generally who will, I am sure, see the force of the arguments set forth herein, and realize the fact that I should no more be expected to sacrifice my business and that of the owners of the attractions whose partner and agent I am, than that they should be expected to sacrifice their own business to mine. ROBT. JAMIESON, Lessee and Manager Victoria Theatre and Vancouver Opera House, Vancouver, November 1.

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MR. FINN.

VICTORIA THEATRE AUDIENCES.

Sir: There has lately been dissatisfaction amongst the public as a whole over the class of performers that have lately been holding the house of the Victoria theatre. "Totten Show" is the remark often heard outside the theatre after a performance, and others who say, "I will not patronize the theatre until good shows are put on." There has lately been at the theatre a most excellent performance consisting of Bennett's Band and Hagelman's acrobat. This was probably the best, if not the best of its kind that has ever been performed at the Crystal Palace and Alhambra music hall in London, which and have toured the world lately fulfilling a most satisfactory engagement with Bennett's band in Portland, lasting for a month. They were originally engaged for two weeks but at the request of the citizens of Portland stayed on another two weeks, and before leaving that city the citizens presented the director with a gold watch, "in high appreciation of your band's most excellent performance." When they performed here the audiences applauded vociferously, the few of our most notable citizens present lending their aid with their lusty voices in the applause. Yet the audience, I blush as a citizen to relate, was probably the worst of the night that has ever faced a Victoria stage and not much better on the following night. Now, I say, let those who did not turn out and patronize that performance (over which I am concerned must have been, however, held their peace as to the quality of a play in the Victoria theatre. Is there any encouragement for a manager to put on a good play in Victoria if the people do not attend? Have they not got eyes and ears to see and hear when a show is good, and cannot they exert themselves a little to find out? On looking down at the audience it is surprising to see what a large number of our citizens were conspicuous by their absence on the night of Friday. Mr. Bennett's intention to be in Victoria on Wednesday next to wait for Thursday's boat to Seattle, en route to Chicago, but he cannot yet see his way to perform again owing to the expense of the tour. A certain loss he will be put to, looking at the fact that two audiences as a forerunner of numbers. This is a nice state of things for a town like Victoria, and of course it is not pleasant to the citizens, but it is not with some flaring advertisements in "Air Ship," and a few blood-curdling scenes of a man blowing a trombone, for instance, he would in all probability have lunched the feelings of Victoria audiences and aroused their curiosity, and the theatre would have been packed, but because the forecasts of the show were printed for a civilized town and the managers of the show did not know that Victoria had been handled differently to others they therefore got a bad house. Compare the audiences that turned out for the "Air Ship" performance and the audiences of Friday and Saturday last, in numbers only I am glad to say, and it was nearly twice as big for that 60th rate show. In conclusion allow me to congratulate you on the very excellent article which appeared in your paper on Saturday morning about this performance and the audience which assisted in swelling the numbers for that evening. Would it not be possible, by way of a suggestion say on the inside of your paper to keep a special column reserved for notices and criticisms, and if not otherwise so that theatre-goers would know where to look and could trust to your paper to know whether the performance is entitled to a good audience or not; most of the plays that come to this city are criticized by some American papers, and if you could do this, it would be very useful to our subscribers, and greater care should be taken to criticize strongly a rotten show and then they, along with the Johnnies who bring them, would fight shy of Victoria.

TROMBONE.

THE SEARCH FOR ANDRE.

Difficulties of the Party Now Proceeding Through Siberia.

After a lapse of nearly three months news has been again received from the far north of Siberia from Herr J. Stadling, in command of the expedition sent out by the Swedish Geographical and Anthropological Society in search of Andre. It will be seen that at the time of writing the expedition had not yet reached the neighborhood of the Lena Delta, and the most serious part of their journey lay before them. They were about to build a boat themselves, and in this necessarily frail craft attempt to cross the open sea to the mouth of the Olenek, before proceeding to the New Siberian Islands, where it is believed by some authorities, that traces of the Andre expedition may be found. The expedition was accompanied by the hardy Swedish explorer and his companions will naturally be followed with increasing anxiety and sympathy.

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